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UNIVERSITY CENTER PLANS ANNOUNCED

USD President Author E. Hughes today announced plans for development of a \$9 million University Center complex. The undertaking will cap a building campaign that includes the completion of a new business school building, a conference center and a library in February and July, 1984.

The multi-purpose University Center will occupy roughly 70,000 square feet on property east of DeSales Hall. "While the academic facilities of the campus are effectively meeting the educational requirements of USD's students, the University Center is needed for their spiritual, psychological, cultural and social development," Hughes said.

The three-level structure, as it is currently envisioned, will consist of a central lounge, student and faculty dining areas, a grille, a deli, student affairs offices, a game room, student publications offices, a student organization center, conference and meeting rooms, a programming area and various student activity areas. The architecture will conform to the campus' 16th Century Spanish Renaissance motif.

Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Burke said the University Center is needed to accommodate an unanticipated surge of enrollment in recent years. Current facilities, spread about campus, can service about 200 students at a time. Undergraduate enrollment stands at 3,000 students, with an additional 2,000 graduate and law students.

"USD, in its vision of the University Center, returns to the earliest traditions of 'the Commons'--the union as a place where students, faculty, and administration can meet on common ground, a place which affords an atmosphere of free discussion, a student development center, a building dedicated to the promotion of the art of living," Burke said.